

REMARKS

Applicants will address each of the Examiner's objections and rejections in the order in which they appear in the Office Action.

Specification

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the title as not descriptive. Accordingly, Applicants are amending the title to recite "Electroluminescence Display Device Having A Semiconductor Substrate."

It is respectfully submitted that this overcomes the Examiner's objection, and it is requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

Claims 42-45, 47-49 and 51-54, 57-59, 61-69, 71

The Examiner also rejects Claims 42-45, 47-49 and 51-54, 57-59, 61-69, 71 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kimura et al. (US 6,157,429) in view of Shields (US 4,839,707).

Initially, as Applicants once again note, the citation to US 6,157,429 in the Office Action is believed to be in error. US 6,157,429 is Miyawaki et al. It is believed that the Examiner is referring to US 6,518,962 (Kimura et al.; hereinafter Kimura '962) for this rejection which was listed on the PTO 892 form attached to the Office Action. This is the reference Applicants are responding to in this Response. The '429 reference was previously cited and overcome in this application. If the Examiner's rejection is based on a reference other than Kimura '962, then this Office Action should be reissued and should refer to the proper reference.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are amending independent Claims 42, 47, 52, 57, 62 and 67 to recite the feature of an interlayer insulating film formed over the switching transistor and the current controlling transistor, and the feature of an electrode...formed over the interlayer insulating film. This is supported, for example, by Fig. 11 of the present application wherein an interlayer insulating film 322 is formed over a switching transistor 330 and a current controlling transistor 331, and wherein an electrode 323 is formed over the interlayer insulating film 322.

In contrast, Kimura '962 appears to disclose an insulating film 252 formed over a switching transistor 221 and a current controlling transistor 223. The Examiner contends that the right portion (unlabeled) of 131 in Fig. 20 of Kimura '962 is the claimed electrode. However, the right portion of 131 is formed under insulating film 252.

Hence, Kimura '962 (and Shields) fails to disclose or suggest an electrode formed over the interlayer insulating film, as recited in independent Claims 42, 47, 52, 57, 62 and 67. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 42, 47, 52, 57, 62 and 67 and those claims dependent thereon are patentable over the cited references, and it is requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 46, 50; 55, 60, 65 and 71

The Examiner also rejects Claims 46 and 50; 55, 60, 65 and 71 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over US 6,157,429 to Kimura et al. [sic US 6,518,962] and Shields and further in view of Ue et al. (US 5,733,661). This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

Each of these claims is a dependent claim. Therefore, for at least the reasons discussed above for the independent claims, these dependent claims are also patentable over the cited references. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

New Claims

Applicants are also adding new Claims 72-77 herewith. As each of these claims is a dependent claim, for at least the reasons discussed above for the independent claims, these dependent claims are also patentable over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that these claims be entered and allowed at this time.

Please charge our deposit account 50/1039 for any fee due for these new claims.

Conclusion

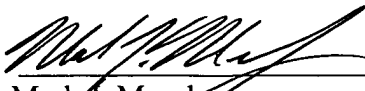
It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposition account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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